



# Live and Learn Early Learning Center Family News

## December 5, 2011

### Dates to Remember

- ★ Staff Meeting on Dec. 6th. Afterschool closes at 5:30.
- ★ Early Release for Oyster River public school on Wed. Dec. 14th.
- ★ Both sites close at 5pm on Friday Dec. 23rd.
- ★ We are closed for cleaning and training from Dec. 26th-Jan. 2nd. We reopen again on Tues. Jan 3rd!



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### WINTER STAY & PLAY

The annual winter stay & play will take place at Live & Learn on Thursday Dec. 15th from 3:30-5:00pm. Rumor has it there may be a special guest.!



### Kids Day Out! Sun. Dec. 11th from 1-5 pm!

**Need a shopping day? Toddlers teachers are offering a Kid's Day out for Live & Learn families! Cost includes snack and a field trip to the UNH Women's hockey game! 12 Spaces available!**



**Sign up on the office door by this Wednesday!. We need 5 children to sign up for kids day out to run! Payment will be automatically added to your account and is **NON-refundable.****

## Holiday Tree

Some of you may be thinking about what to do for your child's teachers for the holidays.

The staff has requested that in lieu of individual gifts for each teacher they would love gifts for the classroom instead.

Each classroom has placed ornaments on the tree in the entryway with holiday gift wishes written on them for families that are willing and

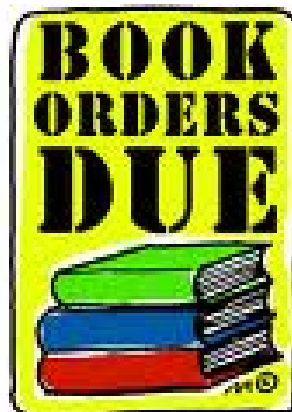


able (please feel no obligation to take one).

The classrooms would also love the gift of your time in the classroom (come read a book, share a special talent, or just come play) or a special snack or home-made gift!

## Amish Friendship Bread

We have two extra starters if you would like to create the same delicious smell in your own home! It is easy to make and the children devour it for snack. If you are interested, help yourself to a bag of starter and instructions on Bridget's desk.



Tuesday  
December  
16th at  
noon!

## We're making a cookbook!

"Live and Learn is planning a cookbook fundraiser for this spring. As you look out at your Thanksgiving table, please think about recipes that you could contribute to the cookbook! How better to make Aunt Mable's pumpkin pie last forever than to share the recipe!!"



## If we need to close due to bad weather:

We will send out emails, have it announced on the radio (WHEB, WOKQ, WTSN, and WERZ), and on Channel 9 TV. If you do not have hourly access to one of these modes of communication please let us know so that we can put you on a need to call list for the future.

## Infants:

This week many of us enjoyed playing outside in the sandbox, crawling and rolling in the leaves, and feeling twigs and bark on the trees. Our repertoire of songs has continued to expand and some of us have learned the words and motions that



accompany their favorites! **Thank you to the Bonias family for the donation of disinfecting wipes!**



The infant class would love some disinfecting wipes and family pictures!

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## Toddlers:

This week we painted popsicle sticks, made cinnamon ornaments, played with playdough, and played with Hiccup the Hamster. We also went on several bear hunts, painted with tools, kicked rolling balls, and danced with scarves!



**REMINDER:** Kid's Day Out is December 11th from 1-5 pm! Bring your children to play with us so you can shop or bake or read or sleep for a couple of hours!



## Younger Preschool:

We enjoyed the weather outside this week! We took a long walk to do some pond observations. We even stopped to watch the horses. We spent time in dramatic play and we still love pretending to be veterinarians! We made some



new playdough and decorated with some animal stamps and stickers. We've

also been enjoying hearing some new stories and story tapes.



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## Older Preschool:

We went on a very cool adventure exploring a new trail in the woods. We found a swamp and a small stream to get across. We made tree ornaments for our wish list for the classroom and created some beautiful artwork using water and colored tissue paper. Peter made some awesome tents with us– we decided to leave them up for nap time– what fun! We also made



special cards for Dave and Shawn for their birthdays. We love it when Nate reads to us or makes up a story! We have enjoyed the beautiful weather and staying out to almost 5pm. Wow, what a busy week! **Wish List: We would love baby food jars with lids and beads of any kind for art activities and making bracelets!**



## Kindergarten:



This week we started with a nature exploration to see how different the woods look with all the leaves and to work off any extra turkey. We continued our exploration into medieval times by building castles and trebuchets. You can see the beginning of the castles in the science area of our classroom. We also began working on our code of honor with a visit from Sir Peter the Knight. We

will be developing our own kind of code of honor and working toward our own system of honor and respect.

A special thank you to Timmy's family for sharing a yummy birthday treat!

Kindergarten is looking for some empty baby food jars and an old digital camera that a family might be done using and willing to part with!



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## School Age:

This week afterschool had a crack-a-bout marathon! We decorated our holiday ornaments that will be hanging up soon for families who are willing and able to purchase holiday gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity! We also made clean mud using bar soap and toilet paper! It's an easy and fun project you can do at home! Try it out!



**Wish List:** We could use some hula hoops, jump ropes and a basketball!

**Reminder:** Tuesday 12/6, is our monthly staff training so afterschool will be closing at 5:30! We would like to thank the Afterschool families for adjusting their schedules to allow the Live and Learn teachers to attend quality trainings!